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(54) Improvement in attenuated total reflection spectroscopy.

(57) Method of ATR spectroscopy and substrate probe for use therein. The probe comprises a single optical fibre sensor, a bundle of such sensors, the sensing zone of each sensor being a small diameter

cylindrical portion merging at least on the side of the light intake end into a frustoconical portion whose large diameter base is turned away from said small diameter cylindrical portion.

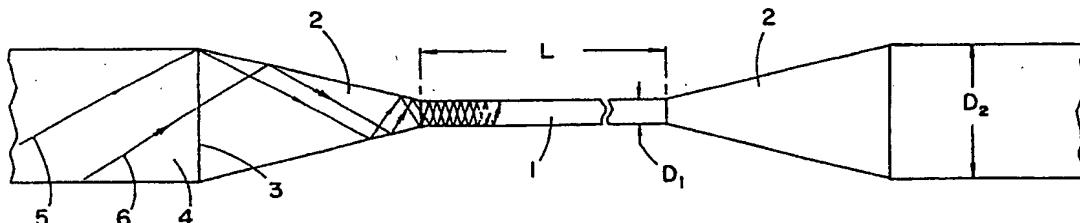


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